IN THE CLAIMS

1.   (Currently Amended) A dynamic database management system, comprising:

a data dictionary including identifications of related groups of tables in a database, information of tables in said related groups, and identifications of parameters of said related groups; and

a data importer receiving an input from an input file including data to be imported into said database, an indication of one of said related groups that is associated with said data, and indications of parameters associated with said data,

wherein said data importer determines whether data is associated with an existing parameter, appends one or more portions of said data associated with existing parameters to corresponding one or more existing tables associated with said existing parameters and having tables of said one of said related groups as references ~~responsive to a determination that said data is associated with an existing parameter~~, creates a new table having said one of said related groups as references and fields corresponding to said new parameters, appends data associated with new parameters to ~~a~~ said new table created for said new parameters, and updates said data dictionary to include said identifications and information of said new table and new parameters, whereby said updated information includes identification of both of said one or more existing tables and said new table ~~responsive to a determination that said data is not associated with an existing parameter~~.

2. (Original) The system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a query front-end providing a parameter tree to be displayed to users for facilitating database queries,

wherein said data dictionary further includes information for said parameter tree, and said data importer further updates said information for said parameter tree to include information of said new table and new parameters.

3. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said data dictionary has a reference groups table for storing indications of related groups of tables, and including columns for reference groups identifications and reference groups names.

4. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said data dictionary has a references table for storing information of reference tables for individual of said related group of tables.

5. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said data dictionary has a parameters table for storing information of parameters associated with individual of said related group of tables.

6. (Original) The system according to claim 2, wherein said data dictionary has a folders table for storing information of a parameter tree to be provided to said query front-end.

7.   (Original) The system according to claim 6, wherein said data dictionary has a parameters table for storing information of parameters associated with individual of said related group of tables.

8.   (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 7, wherein said data dictionary has a parameters-to-folders mapping table for mapping said information of parameters to corresponding information in said parameters-to-folders table.

9.   (Currently Amended) A method for managing a dynamic database in a ~~processing~~ printing system, comprising:

receiving an input from an input file including data to be imported into a database, an indication of a related group of tables that is associated with said data, and indications of parameters associated with said data;

determining input data associated with existing parameters and input data associated with new parameters;

forming a set of existing parameters and a set of new parameters from said parameters associated with said input data, based upon parameter information stored in a data dictionary for said related group of tables ~~responsive to determining said data in said input data associated with existing parameters and said data in said input data~~;

appending one or more portions of said input data associated with said set of existing parameters to corresponding one or more existing tables having said related group of tables as references in said database ~~responsive to forming said set of existing parameters~~;

creating a new table having said related groups of tables as references and fields corresponding to said new parameters,

importing a remaining portion of said input data associated with said set of new parameters to a new table created for said new parameters ~~responsive to forming said set of new parameters~~; and

updating information in said data dictionary to include identifications and information of said new table and said new parameters, whereby said updated information includes identification of both of said one or more existing tables and said new table.

10.　(Original) The method according to claim 9, further comprising identifying said one or more existing tables having said related group of tables as references in said database from information in said data dictionary linking said one or more existing tables to said existing parameters.